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SUMMARY

Postmortems on SSF Month activities indicate the vast scale with which Russianization efforts were applied, and the end of the month obviously does not bring an end to the campaign. An attempt to substitute more human appeals for empty repetitions of Soviet greatness and enunciations of dry ideological doctrine is evidenced by the stress on Soviet heroes Zoya and Shura, who are presented as models for all Chinese to copy, and whose mother is heard over the Chinese radio. New attention also is given to the children's organization, New Pioneers, which is to be promoted as part of the school program with regular school funds. The Youth Corps even has a voice in the amount of school money to be appropriated. New efforts to Sovietize the PLA also are apparent, with the Army "reorganized" in some instances to promote Russian methods.

Difficulties in collecting grain levies, and dissatisfaction among farmers, are admitted, which might account for the new visits from Russian agricultural scientists. Supply difficulties in the rural areas lead to apparent concessions to private merchants, and their use in solving the problems.

Mob action, or so-called public trials, still are used to bypass court procedures, but the most impressive evidence that the promise to "replace" local judiciaries is being carried out comes from Shanghai, where marriage and divorce cases henceforth will be handled by the police.

In the war, U.N. air attacks are belittled by claims of successful transport operations, and efforts are made to prove that captured North Koreans remain loyal to the Communist regime, while ROK officers, even, defect when given the opportunity. Stress on Anglo-American dissension continues, but with emphasis on Asia, where America is shattering British trade in Southeast Asia by manipulation of "cheap Japanese labor." America also has replaced Britain as the "exploiter" of India through use of the Point Four Plan.

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